

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Franz STUHLBACHER et al. MAR 27 2007 Group Art Unit: 1772

Appln. No. : 10/599,756 Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
(U.S. National Stage of PCT/AT05/00118)

I.A Filed : October 6, 2006 Confirmation No.: 3798

For : METHOD FOR FILLING A CONTAINER WITH GAS

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification, the International Search Report, and the Written Opinion issued in connection with International Application No. PCT/AT05/00118. Copies of the International Search Report (in German), and the Written Opinion (in German) were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on October 6, 2006. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,247,822 (SPAETH), September 28, 1993;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,073,665 (TAKEYAMA et al.), June 13 2000;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,207,756 (ALHAMAD et al.), May 4, 1993;

- (4) U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0094002 A1 (HIBINO et al.), May 22, 2003;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 3,773,168 (MEINASS), November 20, 1973;
- (6) U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0089151 (WANG et al.), May 13, 2004;
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 4,613,054 (SCHRENK), September 23, 1986; and
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 4,611,641 (CARTER, Sr.), September 16, 1986.
- (9) EP 0 669 176 B1, August 30, 1995; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on pages 3 and 7 of the specification of the present application; and
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 5,781,976 (STUHLBACHER et al.), July 21, 1998; Applicants note that this document is identified on esp@cenet as a U.S. family member of EP 0 669 176 A2.

Furthermore, Applicants direct the attention of the Examiner to the following additional document cited in the course of examination of Austria Application No. A 625/2004, filed April 9, 2004, of which the present application claims priority:

- (11) GB 2 227 370 A, July 25, 1990; and

Applicants further direct the attention of the Examiner to the following commonly assigned U.S Patent Application:

- (12) U.S Patent Application 10/563,837 (STUHLBACHER et al.), filed January 9, 2006 and entitled, "Device for Producing Expanded Flat Material"; Applicants note that this document is the national stage of PCT/AT03/00194, which published as WO/2005/005073 A1 on January 20, 2005.

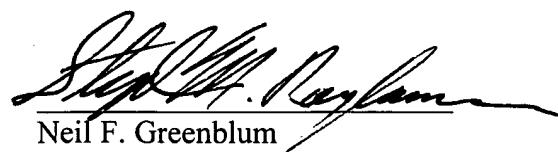
Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications) are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii) and to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if a U.S. patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
Franz STUHLBACHER et al.



Neil F. Greenblum  
Reg. No. 28,394

Stephen M. Roylance  
Reg. No. 31,296

March 6, 2007  
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.  
1950 Roland Clarke Place  
Reston, VA 20191  
(703) 716-1191

FORM PTO-1449		U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office		Atty. Docket No. P30892	Application No. 10/599,756		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use several sheets if necessary)		Applicant Franz STUHLBACHER et al.					
		Filing Date I.A. Filed October 6, 2006		Group 1772			
<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAMINER INITIALS	SEARCHED TRADEMARK OFFICE	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5 2 4 7 8 2 2	09/28/93	SPAETH			
		6 0 7 3 6 6 5	06/13/00	TAKEYAMA et al.			
		5 2 0 7 7 5 6	05/04/93	ALHAMAD et al.			
2003 /		0 0 9 4 0 0 2	05/22/03	HIBINO et al.			
		3 7 7 3 1 6 8	11/20/73	MEINASS			
2004 /		0 0 8 9 1 5 1	05/13/04	WANG et al.			
		4 6 1 3 0 5 4	09/23/86	SCHRENK			
		4 6 1 1 6 4 1	09/16/86	CARTER, Sr.			
		5 7 8 1 9 7 6	07/21/98	STUHLBACHER et al.			
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES      NO
		0 6 6 9 1 7 6	08/30/95	E.P.O.			
		2 2 2 7 3 7 0	07/25/90	UNITED KINGDOM			
2005 /		0 0 5 0 7 3	01/20/05	W.I.P.O.			
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</b>							
		U.S. Patent Application 10/563,837 to STUHLBACHER et al., filed January 9, 2006 and entitled, "Device for Producing Expanded Flat Material".					
EXAMINER		DATE CONSIDERED					
<small>*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.</small>							